

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# The City Of Augusta

## *Proclamation*

*IN RECOGNITION of “Breast Cancer Awareness Month”*

*WHEREAS, Comcast and University Hospital’s Breast Health Center have partnered for its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Breast Cancer Survivor’s Luncheon honoring women in the community who have survived breast cancer. This luncheon also provides awareness by educating women about the importance of early detection through self-exams, mammography and routine yearly exams by a physician; and*

*WHEREAS, breast cancer strikes one in eight women and approximately 80 percent of women with breast cancer do not have a sister or mother with the disease; and*

*WHEREAS, each year, nearly 200,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and although the risk increases after age 50, no one is immune; and*

*WHEREAS, early detection increases the survival rate to 96% for localized breast cancer and mammography is the best current method of identifying abnormalities that may be cancer in its early stages; and*

*WHEREAS, education about the importance of annual mammograms is essential in preventing breast cancer deaths; and*

*WHEREAS, in general, white women are more likely to develop breast cancer than African-American women, but African-Americans have higher rates among women 50 and younger, and are more likely to die of breast cancer because minority women frequently are not diagnosed until their cancer is in the advanced stages, when the disease is harder to treat and cure; and*

*WHEREAS, it is vital that we continue to work together in the community to support events such as Breast Cancer Survivor’s Day in a concerted effort to educate the women of the Central Savannah River Area.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim October 2004 as “BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH” and proclaim October 26, 2004, as “BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR’S DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, and encourage all women to take preventative steps toward prevention and detection.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2004.*

*Mayor*